REMARKS

The applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendment before calculating the filing fee.

This amendment is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated July 9, 2004. The Abstract is presented on a separate sheet. Claims are each shown with a status identifier and new claims are shown without marking. The Remarks begin on a separate sheet.

None of the above amendments are required by statute for the patentability of the claims. The amendments eliminate multi-dependency, correct grammatical errors, and present the claims in a more idiomatic common US claim format.

This amendment places the instant application in condition for immediate allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

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